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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 5/1/61

WEATHER Temperatures for the week averaged about 10 degrees below normal in the north-central and about 5 degrees below elsewhere. Freezing temperatures were reported at most points in the State during the early part of the week. The final two days had temperatures near normal. Gordon reported 15 degrees on the morning of the 29th.

Light rain, with some snow in the west, fell over the State on Wednesday. Only a few scattered points reported as much as 1/4th inch of moisture. Stapleton received 2 inches of snow. General rain of 1/4th to 3/4th's inch fell in the western half of the State Sunday afternoon and night.

This was a good surface drying week, relatively low humidity and moderate winds.

CROPS Farmers were busy in the fields all of the past week except during short periods of unfavorable weather. Good progress was made in preparing corn and milo ground and a few fields of corn were planted in southern and central counties. Reports indicate that many of the State's corn growers are treating the soil with insecticides for the control of corn root worm and other soil insects.

Planting of spring small grains is practically completed. The oats crop, except for late plantings, is up to a good stand and has made satisfactory early growth. Winter wheat that has been fertilized made excellent progress last week. The State wheat crop is promising. Legumes and early grass showed marked improvement but warmer weather is needed. Soil erosion from extremely high winds has been severe in the Panhandle. A considerable acreage of sugar beets is being replanted in the North Platte Valley.

LIVESTOCK Calving is well along now and losses due to bad weather and disease have been light. Some cattlemen have turned their cattle into summer pasture and ranges even though growth has been held back by the cool temperatures. Litter sizes are above average. Milk and egg production rates have been running above those of a year earlier.

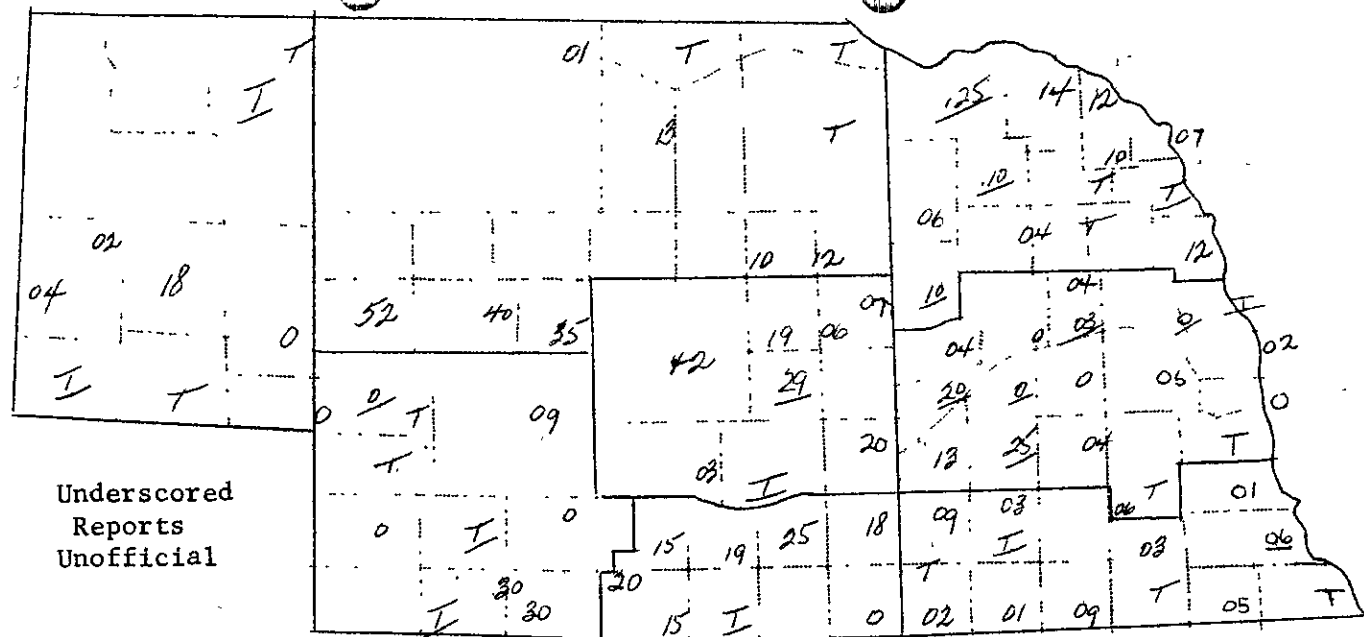
WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 1961

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	.20	Burwell	.10	Chadron	.18
Lincoln	T	North Platte	.82	Imperial	.46
Norfolk	.04	Valentine	.01	Scottsbluff	.10
Omaha	T			Sidney	.31
Sioux City	.07				

Precipitation, April 1 - April 28, 1961

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week	.06	.17	.07	.16	.03	.90	.16	.03
Total since April 1	1.10	1.45	1.38	1.59	1.69	1.62	1.89	1.95
Long-time Avg. since April 1	1.77	1.92	2.16	1.92	2.21	1.83	2.00	2.37

PRI P ITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 28, 1961



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m. CST)

		April												May	
		25th		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th		1st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	39	27	59	31	51	28	53	22	66	30	66	38	67	35
	Scottsbluff	45	24	57	33	54	31	53	27	66	34	68	44	69	37
	Sidney	44	20	55	28	53	31	53	31	67	34	67	37	68	35
NC	Burwell	57	35	59	32	56	30	58	23	58	34	67	43	67	
	Valentine	45	28	58	34	48	28	52	20	59	35	63	39	61	35
NE	Norfolk	58	37	58	37	55	32	58	30	56	35	65	41	63	35
	Sioux City	59	35	58	30	59	40	61	33	59	38	66	41	61	31
CEN	Grand Island	63	37	60	39	53	35	57	29	56	43	68	47	69	37
EC	Lincoln	65	37	57	41	63	42	59	31	60	43	68	47	70	42
	Omaha	65	42	55	34	60	44	57	31	58	38	65	44	67	40
SW	Imperial	59	31	58	31	54	30	58	31	66	29	70	38	71	35
	North Platte	58	31	57	30	55	38	58	28	58	35	68	43	72	35

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